GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:97
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2005
INFILTRATION FROM BANGLADESH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of infiltrators/illegal migrants have entered the country;

(b) if so, the places through which they are infiltrating;

(c) the number of infiltrators/illegal migrants arrested during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether such infiltrators/illegal migrants have the right to vote and obtain ration cards in the country;

(e) if so, whether some State Governments have submitted reports to the Union Government regarding the influx of infiltrators;

(f) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard;

(g) whether High Court of Delhi and a bench of Supreme Court has issued any direction to the Union Government to deport illegal Bangladeshi migrants;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the action taken by the Union Government to deal with the issue of illegal migrants/infiltrators in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to
(i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a)TO
(i)OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.97 FOR ANSWER ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2005 BY S/SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN AND DALPAT SINGH PARSTE, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARING INFILTRATION FROM BANGLADESH.

(a) to (f) : The Government is aware of illegal migrants/ infiltration from Bangladesh into India. However, as this activity takes place clandestinely, no specific details are available about the magnitude of this illegal infiltration to India. The details of Bangladeshi nationals apprehended by BSF along Indo-Bangladesh border from 2002 is given below:

Year	West Bengal	Assam	Meghalaya	Tripura	Mizoram	Total
2002	5959	32	145	406	91	6633
2003	7621	18	242	721	33	8635
2004	9217	20	538	1160	70	11005
2005 upto 31stOct	5887	15	566	852	111	7431
Total	28684	85	1491	3139	305	33704

Infiltrators/illegal migrants don't have the right to vote nor they are eligible for ration cards in the country. Whenever State Governments or any other agency inform the Union Government about the infiltration, the Government directs the BSF to step up vigil and patrol extensively especially in vulnerable areas along the border. The State Governments are also empowered to take appropriate measures to check infiltration of illegal immigrants.

(g) and (h) : Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the case M/s Chetan Dutt v/s Union of India & Others directed the Union of India to identify and deport illegal Bangladeshi nationals through BSF.

(i) : The following steps have been taken to prevent illegal migrants:

Round the clock surveillance of the border by carrying out patrolling, laying nakas and by deploying observation posts all along the

Indo-Bangladesh border;

Upgradation of intelligence net-work;

Conduct of special operations;

Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including nigh vision devices;

Erection of border fence and roads; and Patrolling across the riverine segments by deploying boats and vessels.